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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on February 4, 2015 at 9:47 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, MS, LRC, Committee Chair
Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair
Diane Licht, MA, LPC, Committee Member
Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member
Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member
W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General (Covering for Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General)
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (Public Session)
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by W. Michael Shea, the Committee voted to approve the January 7, 2016 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Rosemary McGee – BGSP- NJ – Student
Jolene Stark – Caldwell University – Student
Carly Patterson – Caldwell University – Student
Elizabeth Baldwin – Caldwell University – Student
Edina Renfro-Michel – Montclair State University – Faculty
Lucille Gesualdi – Montclair State University – Faculty
Barbara Azzoli – Caldwell University – Student
Brittany Wolfson – Caldwell University – Student
Alessandra Guevara – Felician University – Student

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No items to report.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1

Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow, discussed with the Committee the draft of proposed regulation changes to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1, and 17.1. The public comment period closed on November 20, 2015, and all public comments were reviewed by the Committee at the January meeting.

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee voted to approve the publication of the draft for changes to N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2, 11.5, 12.1 and 17.1. The draft will now go before the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for final approval at its February 11, 2016 meeting. Voting in favor: Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Peter Economou, William Green, Dana Kaspereen, Diane Licht. Opposed W. Michael Shea. The motion passes.

B. Assembly Bill 4831

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 4831, which seeks to make reforms to mental health treatment; clarifies law governing purchase of firearms by persons with a history of mental illness.

The Committee tabled this bill to discuss at their March 3, 2016 meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Regulation Interpretation

The Committee reviewed the January 27, 2016 letter from Thomas C. Jardim, Esq., requesting interpretation of regulations related to supervision of Licensed Associate Counselors.

Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to respond to the letter by referencing the supervision regulations. Voting in favor: all.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to review.

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

No members of the NJCA were present.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft will be presented for Committee review at a later date.

B. Internet Therapy Counseling:

The Behavior Therapist Article

The Committee reviewed the Behavior Therapist Article titled "Clinician's Attitudes and Experiences Regarding Telemental Health Services."

The Committee accepted this as informational.

Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg is assisting the PC Sub-Committee on internet therapy counseling by assigning a law intern to compile all data of statutes and regulations on internet therapy. Once completed, all information will be summarized for the full Committee to review.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

None to review.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 3, 2016.

Meeting Dates for 2016

March 3, 2016

April 7, 2016

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016

July 7, 2016

August 7, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

XIV. APPLICATION REVIEW:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Banz, Emilie

Chiu, Yu

Congero, Kasey

Fildere, Theresa

Levinson, Samantha

Mancini, Antoninette

McCline, Lori

Schardien, Elaine

Schneider, Christopher

Smith, Nicole
Wint, Cindy
Witherspoon, Monica

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Armstrong, Charlene
Brannon, Cinella
Cooper, Krystal
Ekenezar, Rachael
Fernando, Danushi
Gemmwell, Colleen
Iantosca, Kaitlynn
Kang-Suh, Jeannie
Moseley, Pat
Mushington, Jasmine
Ruditsky, Jenna
Talbott, Kimberly
White, Crystal
Zebrowski, Deveney

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Conklin, Thomas
DeCamillis, Joseph
Giel, Dayna
Hernandez, Aida
Hopkins, Simone
Kazalonis, Amanda
Koller, Laura
Lamb, Kathleen
Leeser, Amy
Mason, Kati
McGinley, Barbara
Moriarty, Brittany
Najjar, Kaitlin
Ongsiako, Taryn
Perez, Phyllis
Ramkissoon, Trevor
Scherlachner, Christopher
Semelfort Jr., Jean
Simons, Christa
Spinks, Danielle
Stewart, Rashun
Varnay, Robert
Welty, William
Zaffarese, Lisa

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Dana Kaspereen, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 12:50. Voting in favor: all.